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Hampshire First Bank Joins the Role of IOLTA Leadership Bank

Manchester, NH – Hampshire First Bank proudly announces that it has recently joined the ranks of a becoming an IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts) Leadership Bank in partnership with the New Hampshire Bar Foundation. Hampshire First Bank created a special rate for IOLTA accounts and is committed to the cause of IOLTA generated grants and services.

The IOLTA Program is a unique partnership between the New Hampshire Bar Foundation, New Hampshire attorneys and banks that provides a way to pool attorney funds (that normally would not earn interest because they are too small or held for too short a period of time) into one account that is able to earn interest. “The revenue generated by these accounts has topped \$1.5 million dollars in recent years; 96% of the revenue came from Leadership Banks this year. These funds allow the NH Bar Foundation to make grants to a dozen or more nonprofit organizations annually that provided free legal assistance to our most disadvantaged residents. Most often this legal assistance helps protect basic needs such as shelter, safety, food, and medicine,” said David Snyder, Executive Director - NH Bar Foundation. “We are very pleased to add Hampshire First Bank to our list of IOLTA Leadership Banks.”

“As a community bank focused on the needs of local businesses and families - we are proud to join the New Hampshire Bar Foundation’s list of Leadership Banks,” said Jim Dunphy, Hampshire First Bank president/CEO. “Through a specially created rate package, we are pleased we are able to assist New Hampshire families in need of legal services.”

For more information about Hampshire First Bank visit www.hampshirefirst.com.

About Hampshire First Bank:

Hampshire First Bank is a New Hampshire-chartered commercial bank that serves customers throughout Southern New Hampshire. The Bank operates its main banking office at 80 Canal Street, Manchester, a banking office at 221 Main Street in Downtown Nashua and at 391 West Street in Keene. The bank also provides state of the art electronic banking services, such as Online Account Origination and Remote Deposit Automation. The Bank’s common stock is traded on NASDAQ, under the symbol HFBN.

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